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FACT SHEET PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM (PHRP)

Background

Protecting human rights continues to be a key element of USAID's new strategy. This newly-revised USAID/Haiti program has two components: the first to combat torture and organized violence, and the second to prevent trafficking in persons, especially children. In implementing this strategy, USAID/Haiti will build upon past human rights program successes i.e. USAID/Haiti's previous program for Victims of Organized Violence (VOV) and Trafficking-In Persons (TIP) started in 2003 and ended in 2007.

Objective

Strengthen democracy and stability in Haiti through a three-year program that combats human trafficking, acts of torture and organized violence.

Activities

- Improve Haitian capacity to provide treatment to heal all those affected by torture, organized violence and trafficking, as well as protect individuals from future abuses.
- Provide direct services, including rescue, shelter, rehabilitation and counsel to restore the well-being of victims which will impact not only on individual victims but also on families and communities.
- Coordinated efforts between civil society and human rights organizations to seek sustainable changes through advocacy for national legislation and ratifying of international instruments that uphold human rights.

USAID support

On May 30, 2007, USAID formally awarded the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) \$6.4 million to implement an innovative program to Protect Human Rights in Haiti. The program supports the Government of Haiti with training and technical assistance to Ministries and public agencies responsible for protective services; it will also work with local government officials and institutions.

Implementer

Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) is the implementing partner.

Targets

In FY 2008, the project seeks to create or modify 8 curricula to include focus on human rights; provide support to 130 NGOs; support 10 public advocacy campaigns on human rights; support 1 national human rights commission; train 500 people on TIP related issues; complete 3 anti-TIP public awareness campaigns; establish 4 shelters/safe houses for TIP victims; assist 1000 TIP victims; and rescue 175 TIP victims.

Results to Date (June 30, 2008)

- Thirty (30) members of the Brigade for the Protection of Minors (BPM) and Haitian National Police trained on management principles to improve their efficiency and capacity to respond to victims needs.
- Twenty five (25) local NGOs supported through grants to provide shelters, assistance, training and treatments to TIP and TOV victims.
- Sixty five (65) human rights workers trained on victims support and assistance
- Four hundred and thirty two (432) TIP victims and one hundred and twenty one (121) TOV victims assisted
- Technical assistance to four (4) GOH institutions (BPM, Office du Protecteur du Citoyen, Institut du Bien Etre Social et de Recherches and Office National de la Migration) to implement victims' protection and assistance programs.
- Three (3) public information campaigns developed to raise awareness on TIP and TOV issues.
- Forty five (45) human rights organizations trained on data collection and human rights monitoring
- Two hundred and fifty (250) civil servants and civil society organizations' members trained on TIP and TOV issues